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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS: SOUTH AFRICA

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1. WE MET WITH SOUTH AFRICAN REP (LOWRY) JULY 12 AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS STATUS OF ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO LOWRY, SOUTH AFRICA DESIRES TO CONCLUDE ART. XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PRODUCTION OF ONE OF THE ITEMS SA INTENDS TO WITHDRAW, PLATE GLASS (70.06.10), HAS ALREADY STARTED AND THERE IS LIKELY TO BE INCREASING PRESSURE ON SA TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THIS PRODUCTION.

2. IN DISCUSSING NEGOTIATIONS HISTORY ON EVAPORATORS AND CONDENSORS (EX 84.15), LOWRY EXPLAINED WHY SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE DIFFICULTY AGREEING TO MORE THAN 50 PERCENT REDUCTION ON TARIFF ITEMS CHOSEN TO COMPENSATE THE U.S. HE SAYS THAT SA IS MERELY FOLLOWING THE RULES OF THE GAME LAID DOWN BY U.S. IN EARLIER XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH REDUCTIONS

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OF 50 PERCENT WERE REQUESTED ON ITEMS WHOSE TRADE TOTAL WOULD BE ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE TRADE IN THE TARIFF ITEMS BEING WITHDRAWN FROM THE SA SCHEDULE OF CONCESSIONS.

3. IF THE ITEMS OFFERED ON THIS BASIS ARE NOT OF SUFFICIENT QUALITY TO THE U.S., DIFFERENT TARIFF ITEMS ARE OFFERED, BUT SUBJECT TO THE 50 PERCENT, ROUGHLY

EQUIVALENT TRADE COVERAGE GUIDELINES. HE ADDED THAT, OF COURSE, ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS RULE ARE MADE FOR BINDINGS AT AN EXISTING ZERO RATE AND FOR OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES BUT THAT THE GENERAL RULE IS THE ONE THAT SA USES TO JUSTIFY COMPENSATORY CONCESSIONS DOMESTICALLY.

4. AS LOWRY POINTS OUT, THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO THE U.S. SA HAS MADE OFFERS ON ITEMS WHERE U.S. HAS INR OR PRIMARY INTEREST (REFTELS) AND IS AWAITING U.S. REPLY. ON TWO ITEMS WHERE U.S. HAS INDICATED A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST (EX 39.03 AND EX 84.62), SA NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING WITH PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS AND LOWRY HOPES TO MAKE PROGRESS IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: STATUS OF U.S. CONSIDERATION OF SA OFFERS.SORENSEN

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